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RE: Program #0342

Previous Accreditation Status: 5 Years

Most Recent Site Visit: 04/2023

Dear Dr. Reece:

After review of the requested progress report, the continuing accreditation status of the associate degree radiography program sponsored by West Kentucky Community and Technical College was considered at the April 19, 2024 meeting of the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT). The JRCERT is the only agency recognized by the United States Department of Education (USDE) for the accreditation of traditional and distance delivery educational programs in radiography, radiation therapy, magnetic resonance, and medical dosimetry. Specialized accreditation awarded by the JRCERT offers institutions significant value by providing peer evaluation and by assuring the public of quality professional education in the radiologic sciences. The program was evaluated according to the **Standards for an Accredited Educational Program in Radiography (2021)**. The JRCERT took the following action:

MAINTENANCE OF ACCREDITATION FOR A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS.

Consistent with JRCERT Policy 10.100, this accreditation action is not subject to appeal.

The Committee based this decision on the program's continued non-compliance with **Standard Three** and **Standard Six** as identified in the JRCERT award letter of November 29, 2023:

Objective 3.1 - The sponsoring institution provides an adequate number of faculty to meet all educational, accreditation, and administrative requirements. (Provide assurance that the additional responsibilities assigned by the sponsoring institution do not interfere with the ability of the program director to meet all educational, accreditation, and administrative requirements.)

Objective 3.3 - The sponsoring institution and program assure the responsibilities of faculty and clinical staff are delineated and performed. (Provide assurance that the clinical coordinator is coordinating clinical education, correlating it with didactic education, and evaluating its effectiveness.)

Objective 6.4 - The program analyzes and shares student learning outcome data to facilitate ongoing program improvement. (Provide documentation of the program's continued annual analysis of student learning outcome data, and the sharing of the data with communities of interest.)

As previously identified, this progress report is required by **October 1, 2024**. The progress report must be submitted via the JRCERT Accreditation Management Systems (AMS) and will be considered by the Board of Directors at the next available meeting after submission. Based on evaluation of the progress report, the Board of Directors will determine the appropriate accreditation action. An additional progress report may be required if the objectives are not adequately addressed.

Consistent with JRCERT Policy 11.400, the Board of Directors are maintaining the previously identified 24-month compliance timeframe. Therefore, the program must document compliance with all accreditation standards no later than **November 17, 2025**.

As required by the USDE and consistent with the **maximum** compliance timeframes set forth in JRCERT Policy 11.400, when the JRCERT Board of Directors determines that a program has failed to document compliance with the **Standards** and has not satisfactorily addressed the identified deficiencies, the existing accreditation status will be withdrawn. Such involuntary withdrawal of accreditation is considered an adverse accreditation action. The JRCERT defines an adverse action as involuntary withdrawal of accreditation. Involuntary withdrawal of accreditation will generally, but not necessarily, occur after a Probationary Accreditation status has been awarded. The board may take adverse action prior to the expiration of the maximum compliance timeframe. Probationary status, as well as an adverse accreditation action, requires written notification to the United States Secretary of Education, the appropriate State licensing or authorizing agency, appropriate institutional and/or other accrediting agencies, and the public.

The program is advised that consistent with JRCERT Policy 11.600, the JRCERT reserves the right to conduct unannounced site visits of accredited programs. The sponsoring institution would be responsible for the expenses of any onsite evaluation.

The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology Directors and staff wish you and the program faculty continued success in your efforts to provide a quality educational program. If we can be of further assistance, do not hesitate to contact the office.

Sincerely,



Tracy Herrmann, Ph.D., R.T.(R), FAEIRS
Chair

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